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MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2012

SENT ON BEHALF OF GAIL FARBER, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS

On April 23, 2012, my staff attended a regular Board meeting of the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority. Provided below are links to the meeting agenda and the prior meeting minutes.

March 26, 2012, adopted minutes <http://www.theaceproject.org/minutes3-2012.htm>
April 23, 2012, agenda http://www.theaceproject.org/agenda_4_2012.htm

The following are items of interest to the County of Los Angeles:

Agenda Item VII – The Chief Executive Officer reported that the Invitation for Bid for the San Gabriel Trench project was released on March 14, 2012. A mandatory pre-bid conference and networking session was held on April 4, 2012, which was attended by 11 of the 14 prequalified prime contractors, along with more than 60 potential subcontractors and vendors. The bids are due on May 23, 2012.

Agenda Item VIII – The Board approved staff's recommendation to authorize the execution of two work authorizations for the Southern California Gas Company for the relocation of affected gas facilities necessary for the Nogales Street (Los Angeles Subdivision) Grade Separation project, with reimbursement to Southern California Gas Company estimated to be \$688,135 to cover ACE's portion of the total relocation costs.

Agenda Item IX – The Chief Executive Officer presented to the Board the proposed Phase II Implementation Plan for the ACE program, showing the order in which the grade separations will be constructed. ACE's proposed sequence for the grade separations was Fairway Drive (Los Angeles Subdivision), Puente Avenue, Hamilton Boulevard, Durfee Avenue, Fairway Drive (Alhambra Subdivision), and Turnbull Canyon Road.

Public comment was taken and Dick Simmons from Supervisorial District 4 stated the Supervisor's strong opposition of any action that would reduce the priority of Fullerton Road Grade Separation Project or to prevent the project from moving into the project delivery pipeline. Supervisor requested that the ACE Board maintain Fullerton Road as the highest priority project and reaffirm its commitment to advancing the project in a manner that supports its ultimate and timely completion.

ACE stated in their report that there was uncertainty regarding the Fullerton Road grade separation, such that constructing the grade separation may not fully provide the congestion reduction benefits

commensurated with its cost. After questions from the Board, ACE stated that there was a corridor study being conducted by Public Works to examine various road improvements, including the grade separation, traffic signal modifications, and road and intersection widening on Fullerton Road within Rowland Heights and the City of Industry. The results of that study would be available by Summer 2012, but would require an agreement between the County and the City of Industry regarding the funding and sequencing of the improvements, and possible coordination with the proposed Fullerton Road grade separation project. In addition, some Board members expressed that the estimate of available funds provided by ACE staff could change following the issuance of bids for the Nogales Street (Los Angeles Subdivision), Baldwin Avenue, and San Gabriel Trench grade separation projects, which could increase funding available for the ACE Phase II program.

Following this discussion, the ACE Board adopted the Phase II Implementation Plan, with the amendment to substitute Fullerton Road for Turnbull Canyon Road in the priority order. The Phase II Implementation Plan will require San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) approval and will be considered at its May 31, 2012, governing board meeting. The Board also requested that the County complete its Fullerton Road corridor study and agree with the City of Industry on the study's recommendations for improvements within the Fullerton Road corridor within the next 4 months. Following the County and the City of Industry coming to this consensus, and ACE staff identifying any cost savings from bidding for the Nogales Street (Los Angeles Subdivision), Baldwin Avenue, and San Gabriel Trench grade separation projects, the Board agreed to reexamine the Phase II Implementation Plan to incorporate this new information, and to forward any changes to the SGVCOG governing board if necessary.

Agenda Item X – The Board approved a change of the regular meeting location for all future ACE Board meetings to San Gabriel City Hall, in consideration of the significance of the upcoming San Gabriel Trench project.

Agenda Item XI – The Board discussed the recent SGVCOG general meeting where members discussed possible organizational restructuring, such as converting ACE into its own joint powers authority instead of being under the umbrella of the SGVCOG. In addition, the Board indicated that the SGVCOG and ACE should be more fully informed of the potential risk and responsibilities of both options.

ACE staff had created a list of items which would need to be considered in any restructuring, such as representation of the ACE program to Federal and State lawmakers, financial considerations with the grant anticipation notes for the ACE program issued in the name of the SGVCOG, and governance of a new authority. The Board agreed to review the list and provide comments to the ACE Chief Executive Officer, who would then distribute it to the SGVCOG membership for possible discussion at a future meeting.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on June 4, 2012, at 2 p.m., at the City of San Gabriel City Hall Council Chambers.